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1. Reference document has just come to our attention. A copy of the document and the pertinent attachments was sent to EOWA, however, since the greater part of the material is of no interest to you, we have excerpted certain parts which we believe you will be interested in. The reference document contains English translations of reports bearing on the current RV investigation of the Friedrich case. For your information Alfred Friedrich, born 1920 at Stargard Pomerania, was arrested 31 October 1953 in Wiesbaden by the RV and charged with being an RIS Agent as the result of an attempt to recruit Friedrich Wilhelm. *subject made by RIS Agent* Subject is still in jail awaiting trial. Subject was also a fringe contact of a ZIPPER net in Berlin. According to his own account, he worked for the FIS and had brief contact with the AIS. It is apparent from Subject's account of his activities that he is an opportunist and, when convenient, a liar rather than an individual of integrity in whose word any special credence can be placed. Nevertheless taking these facts into account, the references to CADRIER which appear in Subject's police interrogation and that of his wife, who was questioned in connection with him, deserve the case officer's attention. *Alfred Friedrich*

2. Friedrich's first mention of CADRIER was during an interrogation on 5 November 1953 during which he stated that CADRIER (last name only), former submarine commander and bearer of the Ritterkreuz, then journalist and correspondent of the Frankfurt Abendpost, about 37 years old, residing at Wilckstrasse, Berlin-Zehlendorf-West, met him in Berlin. CADRIER told him that he would open a press agency and that Friedrich could work for him. Friedrich accepted and wrote several articles on subjects suggested by CADRIER. After some time Friedrich discovered that the articles were not published but were evaluated as intelligence material. On one occasion, CADRIER stated that he had no money with which to pay Subject and referred Subject to a "certain agency" in Berlin. Friedrich applied to this agency and met several "foreigners" who told him that he had been working for them for some time and that he would now receive special assignments. Queried as to whether the agency knew about Friedrich's service with the Foreign Legion, he answered that the records regarding the Foreign Legion had been on file at this agency. Upon the question, "So it was the French Intelligence Service?", Friedrich admitted the fact. He carried out three assignments for the French and

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then allegedly discontinued the contact. Friedrich does not state when any of the above occurred, however at a subsequent interrogation on 24 November 1953 he stated that he was advised by GABRIER's wife, whom he met on a visit to the office of HUGHES, to contact her husband which he did at the end of April 1949. In this account of his relations with GABRIER, Friedrich states that GABRIER represented himself as working for a Swiss Press Service, the "WWF-Press". Friedrich was hired for 300 DM's per month to collect political information on the East Zone. After the initial salary payment, however, Friedrich was unable to collect his pay from GABRIER who claimed to be having difficulty getting the money from the Press Service. In November, GABRIER put him in direct contact with a Frenchman, Le Petit, who discussed the possibilities of training Friedrich as a W/T operator. Le Petit assured him that GABRIER had received money to pay him, but Friedrich was never able to collect. In a subsequent interrogation on 25 November 1953, Friedrich stated that, "on the day on which Le Petit allowed me to take a look at his list of figures in order to prove to me that money had been paid out for me, I realized for the first time that GABRIER was an agent of the FIS and that, therefore, I myself, had not been working for a news agency but also for the FIS." Subsequently Friedrich contacted only Le Petit.

3. Friedrich's wife was interrogated on 13 November 1953. Concerning her husband's contacts with GABRIER, she had the following to say: "In May or June 1949 my husband made the acquaintance of GABRIER and his wife who is on the staff of HUGHES. I learned only later that he was working for the FIS. Through GABRIER my husband established personal contacts with the FIS. My husband received for his work for the French Intelligence Service in June and July 1949 250 DM/month. The money was given him by GABRIER ... My husband went only twice to the East Zone by request of the FIS...for this purpose he was equipped by the FIS with a false passport which he received from GABRIER and which he had to return to the FIS on completion of his assignment. He returned the passport personally to the above-mentioned agency in November or December of 1949."

4. In spite of the fact that Friedrich is not a reliable individual and that there are minor discrepancies between his statements and those of his wife, it appears that there is considerable reason for believing that GABRIER was acting as a Principal Agent for the FIS (or conceivably some other service) during much of 1949. There is, of course, nothing in this account to indicate how long GABRIER had been working in such a capacity prior to Friedrich's first contact or how long he continued to do so.

5. Since our original contact with GABRIER was limited to financial support of his PW efforts and only recently has a closer operational relationship been established, this accidental discovery of his past activity in the intelligence-gathering field does not necessarily invalidate the current estimate of his character or value to us. From the enthusiasm with which GABRIER has carried out assignments for us, it appears possible that his connection with another service ceased prior to his contact with us. It does seem however that we must take a new look at the project and its personnel, especially the East Zone

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distributors on whose account the question of intelligence production has already been raised. We believe the first step should be a case officer discussion with the agent in an effort to ascertain the validity of the Friedrich allegations, and if the relationship between GADRIER and the FIS existed as described above, over what period of time was it maintained.

6. We are anxious that the LEGASSOCK PW output, which is generally acknowledged to have reached a high degree of excellence under [] guidance, should continue and grow in volume and variety. However, since we feel that the question of other intelligence employment must be explored even though the reports come from an undependable source and concern a period several years past, the case officer's comments are requested.

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